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SDPD SEX CRIMES UNIT ANNOUNCES ARREST OF RAPE SUSPECT

(San Diego) On November 9, 2006 at 11:35 p.m. Robert James Purdy, 41 was arrested at his home in the 4000 block of 49th Street. Purdy was booked for rape, kidnapping, and sex acts with a minor. Sex Crimes detectives believe Purdy is the suspect in three additional cases. The first case occurred in September and two subsequent cases occurred on November 7 and 8, 2006. Purdy is currently being held at the San Diego Central Jail.

The victims were adult and juvenile females who were in areas known for prostitution when they were victimized. The investigation has revealed that Purdy convinced the victims to get into his car, at which time he showed his badge and demanded sex. At the time of his arrest, Purdy was employed by Wackenhut Security.

As part of the investigation into these cases, a flyer including the recent cases was created and distributed to patrol officers citywide. Western Division officers Neal Browder and Bill Carter recalled some information which matched a prior traffic stop they had initiated. Their research on the traffic stop led to the identification of the suspect's vehicle and the suspect. Victims confirmed the identity of Purdy as the suspect. The officers, together with Vice detectives, staked out Purdy's home and were able to arrest him as he left his residence.

Purdy's vehicle and two guns registered to him were impounded at the time of his arrest.

Sex Crimes detectives believe there could be more victims who have not reported being victimized. Victims or witnesses are encouraged to contact Sex Crimes at 619-531-2210 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-TIPS.

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